

# Alabama Department of Public Safety

## Towing and Recovery Services Rules and Regulations

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Alabama State Troopers

Wrecker Rotation List

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## PREFACE

The Department of Public Safety, State Wrecker Rotation System is established to ensure prompt, reliable and professional towing assistance which will best serve the motoring public and the Department of Public Safety. It is not for the benefit of a particular wrecker company.

There are a large number of accidents in Alabama where the owner or driver is injured and cannot make a decision about where his vehicle is to be towed or stored. Also, many cars are abandoned along Alabama's highways which must be removed by order of the Alabama State Troopers. In these cases, the owners have a right to expect the Alabama State Troopers to call a reputable and reliable firm who has adequate equipment to perform the task and that can be relied upon to provide these services at a fair rate. The public also expects the firm that is called to be financially responsible for any damage which might occur during or after the towing. It is for these reasons that the Alabama State Troopers have a Wrecker Rotation System. The Rotation System is used in cases where the owner does not have a specific request.

The rules and regulations contained within these pages provide guidance to those operators of towing and recovery services who are included on the Alabama State Trooper Rotation List and who are called upon to respond to traffic collisions or other requests by troopers in the performance of their duties.

The Alabama Department of Public Safety, any Alabama State Trooper and/or any authorized agent or representative of the Alabama Department of Public Safety will not be responsible for towing/recovery or storage charges involving vehicles not owned by this Department.

Non-compliance with the rules and regulations set forth herein will result in disciplinary action as described in Section X. *PENALTIES*.

## DEFINITIONS

1. **ACCIDENT** - The towing, removal, or movement of a vehicle involved in a motor vehicle collision upon any highway or roadway or other location which is investigated by the Department of Public Safety.
2. **AUTHORIZATION PERMIT** - The written authorization issued by the Post Commander allowing a wrecker/towing service to be placed on the Post Wrecker Rotation List.
3. **AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE** - Insurance which covers damage to property and/or personal injury to third parties.
- 3a. **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE & CASUALTY COVERAGE** - A document evidencing the fact an insurance policy has been written and includes a statement of the coverage of the policy in general terms.
4. **CALL** - Wrecker or towing request issued by an authorized representative of the Department of Public Safety requesting the services of a wrecker/towing service to respond to a particular location as directed by the representative.
5. **DEPARTMENT** - The Alabama Department of Public Safety.
6. **DISABLED VEHICLE** - Any vehicle which has lost its ability to move under its own power on a public street by normal methods other than by a wrecker but not involved in a traffic crash. This definition includes abandoned vehicles, illegally parked vehicles and those vehicles impounded by the Department of Public Safety.
7. **FIRE EXTINGUISHER** - A fully charged portable fire extinguisher as defined by the National Board of Fire Underwriters with a capacity of not less than ten (10) pounds chemical to meet Federal regulations for hazardous materials (10B:C). The Underwriters Laboratory approval will be secured and such fire extinguisher shall be in a quick release carrier.
8. **GARAGE KEEPERS LEGAL LIABILITY** - Insurance which provides coverage to owners of storage garages for liability as bailees with respect to damage or loss to automobiles in their custody. Coverage is contingent upon establishing liability on the part of the insured.

9. **GARAGE LIABILITY** - Insurance which covers legal liability of garages for claims of bodily injury and property damage arising out of business operations. Garage keeper's legal liability coverage can be written as a part of the garage liability policy.
10. **GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT RATING (GCWR)** - The value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a combination (articulated) vehicle. In the absence of a value specified by the manufacturer, GCWR will be determined by adding the GVWR of the power unit and the total weight of the towed unit and any load thereon.
11. **GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (GVWR)** - The value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single vehicle.
12. **HOLD** - Means a vehicle has been impounded for investigatory purposes or any reason whereas access is restricted. An orange "HOLD" sticker will be affixed to said vehicle by a member of the Department.
13. **MOTOR VEHICLE** - Every vehicle which is self propelled.
14. **NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS** - "Normal business hours" or "business hours" as used in this regulation means at least from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday Through Friday and additional hours designated and posted by the company.
15. **ON-HOOK COVERAGE** - Insurance which protects the vehicle being towed when it is hooked up with a recovery line whether in transport or not.
16. **OPERATOR** - Any individual, partnership, corporation, or business entity engaged for hire in the recovery, towing, or removal of wrecked, disabled, stolen, or abandoned motor vehicles. For the purpose of these regulations, a hired driver or employee shall be considered an agent of the wrecker operator and shall be governed by these rules.
17. **OWNER** - Any person who holds a legal title to a motor vehicle or who has the legal right to possession thereof.
18. **PERSON** - An individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, organization, or any legal entity of any kind.
19. **PLACE OF BUSINESS** - A permanent structure which the operator occupies, either continuously or at regular times, with phone service where towing and recovery books and records are kept.

20. **TRAFFIC HAZARD** - Any disabled vehicle or abandoned vehicle other than those resulting from a vehicular accident as defined herein, and which is an obstruction to the normal movement of traffic on any public street or poses a significant safety hazard to the motoring public.
21. **POST COMMANDER** - The commander of the Alabama Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Post/zone where such wrecker/towing service is located.
22. **SERVICE CALL** - Any rotation wrecker response in which the removal of the vehicle is not required. Such calls may include but not be limited to changing a flat tire, providing gas or use of jumper cables, assisting in starting or unlocking a vehicle.
23. **TROOPER/OFFICER** - Any person with arrest powers employed by the Alabama Department of Public Safety.
24. **VEHICLE** - Every device in or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public street, except such devices moved only by human power, or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks. The term *vehicle* shall include trailers and semi-trailers.
25. **WRECKER** - Any motor vehicle designed for the purpose of towing or removing motor vehicles or other transport devices from one location to another location.
26. **WRECKER/TOWING COMPANY** - Any person or business organization engaged in towing or removing motor vehicles from one location to another in exchange for monetary consideration or other remuneration.
27. **WRECKER ROTATION LIST** - The list of companies authorized and used as provided in the execution of these regulations.
28. **ZONE** - The geographical area designated by the Post Commander to be used when establishing the Wrecker Rotation List. The terms *area* or *territory* are interchangeable with the term *zone*.

Non-compliance with the rules and regulations set forth herein will result in disciplinary action as described in Section X. **PENALTIES**.

# REGULATIONS FOR WRECKER/TOWING SERVICES

☛ **NOTE:** The Alabama Department of Public Safety adopted parts 390-399 of *Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations of the U. S. Department of Transportation* and as they may be amended in the future. These regulations apply to all motor carriers both interstate, intrastate, private for hire, etc., with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds.

To remain on the Department of Public Safety wrecker rotation list, your company must comply with the safety regulations contained in CFR 49. One of the safety requirements contained in CFR 49 is Part 396.17, Periodic Inspections. This section requires every motor carrier to inspect his vehicle annually and have documentation that his vehicle has been inspected.

If you have any questions concerning this requirement, you can contact a member of the Highway Patrol Division/Motor Carrier Safety Unit (MCSU) through your local Highway Patrol Trooper Post.

Anyone who wishes to operate a commercial motor vehicle (GVWR 26,001) must possess a commercial driver license issued by the Alabama Department of Public Safety and must pass a knowledge and skills test to obtain it. If you have any questions concerning commercial driver license, you should contact the Driver License Division/CDL Unit.

## I. FACILITIES

Each operator shall maintain sufficient space available to accommodate the storage of all vehicles resulting from Department dispatches. Such area shall be either on the site of the operator's place of business or within a reasonable distance thereof. Both the place of business and the storage facility must be physically within the zone established by the Post Commander and are not considered separate businesses. The storage lot shall be well lighted and enclosed by a minimum six (6) foot high chain link fence or equivalent and secured by a locked gate for properly accommodating and protecting all disabled motor vehicles, including their contents against damage or theft. Each wrecker company on the

rotation list must place on the exterior of its business location and storage facility (if separate location) a clearly visible sign indicating the company name, telephone number, and business hours. All vehicles towed under these regulations must be towed to and secured within the storage facility enclosure unless the vehicle owner or a member of the Department requests the vehicle be towed to another location. Each wrecker company will provide a means of protecting at least two (2) vehicles from the elements either with an enclosed building or tarps when such request is made by the investigating officer. A wrecker company must immediately notify the Department upon change of address or telephone number.

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## II. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

☞ **NOTE:** The minimum equipment standards referred to throughout these rules and regulations shall be determined solely by the manufacturer's specifications for the capabilities and capacities of the tow trucks and all towing equipment. Any trucks and/or towing equipment meeting the requirements of the Department prior to January 1, 2008 shall be deemed adequate for use up to January 1, 2009. Any trucks and/or towing equipment acquired after January 1, 2008 must meet the capacities and specifications set forth in these regulations.

☞ Each tow truck shall be equipped with only those winches and cranes that have been produced and constructed by a manufacturer of such equipment who carries product liability, and which regularly produces winches and cranes.

### A. WRECKER CLASSIFICATION

#### Class A: Light Duty Wrecker

Class A Wreckers, for towing vehicles weighing seven thousand (7,000) pounds or less, (passenger cars, pickup trucks, motorcycles, small trailers, and similar vehicles) shall meet the following minimum requirements:

##### (1) Conventional Wrecker

a. Minimum gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of not less than ten thousand (10,000) pounds.

b. Individual boom capacity of not less than eight thousand

(8,000) pounds as rated by the manufacturer.

c. Individual PTO or hydraulic power winch capacity of not less than eight thousand (8,000) pounds as rated by the manufacturer with at least one hundred (100) feet of three-eighths (3/8) inch cable drum.

d. A manufactured wheel-lift with a retracting lifting capacity of not less than three thousand five hundred (3,500) pounds as rated by the manufacturer, with safety chains.

e. Come-A-Longs, chains, or other similar devices shall not be used as substitutes for winch and cable.

f. Dual rear wheels.

g. Additional safety equipment as specified by the regulations.

## (2) Rollback Wrecker

a. Minimum gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of not less than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.

b. Must have at least an eight thousand (8,000) pound winch as rated by the manufacturer with at least fifty (50) feet of three-eighths (3/8) inch cable or larger.

c. Come-A-Longs, chains, or other similar devices shall not be used as substitutes for winch and cable.

d. A Brake Lock Device

e. Additional safety equipment as specified by the regulations.

## Class B: Medium Duty Wrecker

Class B Wreckers, for towing vehicles weighing between seven thousand one (7,001) and seventeen thousand (17,000) pounds or multiple vehicles weighing seven thousand (7,000) pounds respectively (medium-sized trucks, road tractors/trailers and similar vehicles), shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The tow truck chassis shall have a minimum gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of not less than twenty-two thousand

(22,000) pounds.

(2) Must have at least a twelve-ton boom assembly as rated by the manufacturer.

(3) Two winches, each of ten thousand (10,000) pound capacity or more as rated by the manufacturer.

(4) A manufactured wheel-lift with a retracting lifting capacity of not less than six thousand five hundred pounds as rated by the manufacturer, with safety chains.

(5) Come-A-Longs, chains, or other similar devices shall not be used as substitutes for winch and cable.

(6) Additional safety equipment as specified by the regulations.

### **Class C: Heavy Duty Wrecker**

Class C Wreckers, for towing vehicles in excess of seventeen thousand (17,000) pounds (large trucks, road tractor/trailers and similar vehicles), shall meet the following minimum requirements:

(1) Truck chassis having a minimum gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of not less than forty six thousand (46,000) pounds.

(2) Tandem axles or cab to axle length of not less than one hundred two (102) inches.

(3) A single or double boom with a capacity of not less than fifty thousand (50,000) pounds as rated by the manufacturer.

(4) A single winch with a capacity of fifty thousand pounds as rated by the manufacturer or an individual power winch capacity of not less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) pounds as rated by the manufacturer and a total rating with both winches of fifty thousand (50,000) pounds.

(5) A manufactured wheel-lift with a retracting lifting capacity of not less than twelve thousand (12,000) pounds as rated by the manufacturer, with safety chains.

(6) A minimum of two hundred (200) feet of five-eighths (5/8) inch cable or larger, plus fifty (50) feet of five-eighths (5/8) inch drop cable.

- (7) Airbrakes constructed so as to lock wheels automatically upon failure.
- (8) Light and air brake hookups.
- (9) Come-A-Longs, chains, or other similar devices shall not be used as substitutes for winch and cable.
- (10) Additional safety equipment as specified by the regulations.

## **B. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Every wrecker to be placed on the Department of Public Safety Wrecker Rotation List, regardless of class, shall meet the following standards:

- (1) All equipment necessary for the towing vehicle or combination of towing vehicle and towed vehicle must comply with the requirements of CFR 49, parts 390-399, of the *Federal Motor Carrier Rules and Regulations* when applicable.
- (2) Must be well-maintained and in good condition at all times and comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws.
- (3) Each wrecker shall have the following standard equipment at all times:
  - a. Tow bars.
  - b. Two (2) or more safety chains.
  - c. A minimum of two (2) Class "C" fire extinguishers mounted in an accessible location. (Class C extinguishers should not be used around electricity and if used around any gas the gas supply should be isolated). Each wrecker company is responsible for following all safety precautions relating to fire extinguishing.
  - d. One wrecking bar or pry bar with a minimum length of 30 inches.
  - e. A minimum of three (3) flares of at least 15 minutes duration or triangle reflectors.
  - f. One push-type broom.

- g. One flat shovel.
- h. One axe.
- i. One pair of bolt cutters with a minimum opening of one-half inch.
- j. A minimum of forty (40) pounds of sand or absorbent material.
- k. A yellow or amber rotating or strobe light or light bar shall be affixed above the top of the cab of the wrecker. The warning lights shall be visible from 360 degrees and a distance of not less than 1500 feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night. See §32-5-241 (d). Sirens are prohibited.
- l. Dual rear adjustable flood lights with a minimum of 20,000 candlepower each are required.
- m. One pair of magnetically mounted tow lights to be mounted at rear of towed vehicle. See §32-5A-134 (b) (Class A conventional and class B only).

(4) Every wrecker must display a current license plate of the proper classification.

(5) Every wrecker shall have displayed in the lower right corner of the passenger windshield a departmental decal indicating a current inspection and eligibility to be on the rotation log.

(6) The name, address, and telephone number of the wrecker company shall be permanently affixed to both sides of the wrecker, using letters and numerals which are clearly visible from a distance of 100 feet. The lettering used for the company name shall be at least four (4) inches high, and the lettering and numerals used for the address and telephone shall be at least two inches high.

(7) The wrecker company shall not place or imprint on their vehicles, buildings, equipment, clothing or correspondence, anything that suggests or implies any official relationship between the wrecker company and any law enforcement agency. Specifically, paint colors/schemes similar to Department vehicles; any decal similar in design to Department decals; or any name or

logo such as "*state wrecker*" are specifically forbidden.

C. In addition to the above requirements of *Section B*, class C wreckers, as defined in this regulation are required to be equipped with the following additional items:

(1) Two chock blocks to prevent rolling or slippage of wrecker. These chock blocks should have the capability of being tied to the wrecker, and of a width equal to that of the dual wheels of the wrecker.

(2) At least six (6) safety cones or triangle reflectors.

D. Nothing in these regulations is meant to preclude innovative wrecker or auto recovery equipment or vehicles. Such new equipment may be considered for use by companies included on the Wrecker Rotation List upon written request directed to the Post Commander. Such equipment must meet or exceed the requirements for equipment set forth in this manual. Furthermore, the Post Commander reserves the right to deny inclusion of any wrecker onto the Rotation List if he/she deems said equipment to be inadequate.

Non-compliance with the rules and regulations set forth herein will result in disciplinary action as described in *Section X. PENALTIES*.

### III. APPLICATIONS

#### A. *General*

(1) Each wrecker company desiring to be placed on the Alabama Department of Public Safety Rotation Wrecker List shall complete an "Application for Placement on Rotation List" form (*H.P. Wrecker Form #3*), "Wrecker Information Sheet" (*H.P. Wrecker Form #5*), "Driver Information Sheet" (*H.P. Wrecker Form #4*) and "Agreement & Waiver Form" (*H.P. Wrecker Form #2*). All forms will be submitted to the Highway Patrol Post Commander.

(2) The Post Commander will furnish each wrecker company making a request to be placed on the rotation list a copy of the rules, forms, regulations, and laws pertaining to the operation of wreckers included on an Alabama Department of Public Safety Wrecker Rotation

List.

- (3) The applicant will furnish the Post Commander with a copy of the Certificate of Insurance & Casualty Coverage (*H.P. Wrecker Form #6*) as defined in section 3a of the Definitions. This form must be signed by an authorized insurance agent.
- (4) The Post Commander or designee shall conduct an investigation of the requesting wrecker company and determine if the business meets all qualifications that are required to be placed on the Alabama Department of Public Safety Wrecker Rotation List.
- (5) The investigating officer will inspect all equipment that is to be used by the wrecker company and determine if it complies with all applicable laws and regulations. In addition, the investigating officer will conduct a preliminary background investigation of all operations covered in *Sections VI and VII*. He/she will submit the completed investigation to the Post Commander.
- (6) When the Post Commander is satisfied the wrecker company is qualified, he/she will issue the wrecker company an "Authorization Permit" (*H.P. Wrecker Form #1*) and place the company on the Alabama Department of Public Safety Wrecker Rotation List.
- (7) The investigating officer will place a Department decal on each wrecker passing the inspection. This decal will be affixed to the lower right corner of the passenger window to indicate current inspection and eligibility to be on the rotation system.
- (8) A wrecker company that fails to pass inspection and qualification as prescribed by regulation will be notified of the deficiencies. When the wrecker company corrects the deficiencies, it may request a new inspection.
- (9) Authorization permits shall be considered personal to the holder thereof, and shall be issued only to some definite legal business operating a wrecker service, and shall not be subject to lease, nor shall the holder thereof sublet or permit the exercise by another in any manner, of the rights or privileges granted there under. Authorization permits are void if the business address or location of the facilities is changed. Any change in ownership due to sale, merger, dissolution, death, or other reason shall result in the removal of the business from the Wrecker Rotation List.
- (10) An annual inspection will be conducted of the wrecker company's place of business, storage facility, and all trucks and towing

equipment.

(11) Any wrecker company that adds a new wrecker to its fleet will submit a "Wrecker Information Sheet" (*H.P. Wrecker Form #5*) for that vehicle to the Post Commander. It must then pass an inspection before being used on any rotation call.

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#### IV. INSURANCE

**A.** Each operator, from the time he moves or otherwise makes contact with any vehicle to be towed, assumes liability for injury to persons, damage to property, fires or theft resulting from the operator's movement or other contact.

**B.** Each operator shall maintain an insurance policy issued by an insurer with a current authorization from the Alabama Department of Insurance to issue policies in this state.

The operator shall maintain the following policies of insurance:

1. Workers compensation insurance as required by current statute.
2. Liability insurance on its wreckers and its premises in an amount not less than Three Hundred Thousand and no/100 (\$300,000.00) Dollars for a class A wrecker, Five Hundred Thousand and no/100 (\$500,000.00) Dollars for a class B wrecker and Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 (\$750,000.00) Dollars for a class C wrecker.
3. "On-Hook" insurance that covers vehicles, cargo, and other property in or on the vehicle during transit in an amount of not less than Seventy Five Thousand and no/100 (\$75,000.00) for a class A wrecker, One Hundred and Fifty Thousand and no/100 (\$150,000.00) for a class B wrecker and Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 (\$250,000) for a class C wrecker.
4. Garage keeper's liability insurance covering customer's vehicles in an amount not less than One Hundred Thousand and no/100 (\$100,000.00) for a class A wrecker, Two Hundred Thousand and no/100 (\$200,000.00) for a class B wrecker and Two Hundred Thousand and no/100 (\$200,000.00) for a class C wrecker.
5. A maximum deductible of \$1,000 per occurrence.

6. Each policy required hereunder shall contain an endorsement providing for 30 days notice to the Post Commander prior to any material change therein and/or cancellation thereof.

7. A copy of the Certificate of Insurance & Casualty Coverage is to be filed with the Post Commander. The local Post will be listed as a certificate holder under all policies under this section.

Non-compliance with the rules and regulations set forth herein will result in disciplinary action as described in Section X. *PENALTIES*.

## V. WRECKER ROTATION LIST - CALL ALLOCATION SYSTEM

**A.** Each Post Commander shall set up a wrecker rotation system that best meets the needs of each post and best serves the Department of Public Safety and the State of Alabama. The rotation system guidelines are set forth in this manual.

**B.** To be eligible for approval to tow in a particular county or zone, the wrecker operator's place of business and storage facility must be located in that zone, (*see section I "FACILITIES"*). However, except that if there are no qualified operators in a particular zone, the Post Commander may designate qualified out-of-county or out-of-zone wrecker operators to be called into that area.

**C.** Wrecker company operators located within a zone as defined herein shall be placed on the rotation lists in order of application and will be called for service (gas, tire change, jump-off, etc.) and for the removal of a wrecked, disabled, stolen or abandoned vehicle according to the operator's placement on a wrecker rotation list as maintained for that zone.

**D.** Separate rotation lists will be maintained for each category of wreckers. When the services of a categorized wrecker are needed and when the owner or driver of the vehicle to be towed has no preference as to which wrecker service he/she desires, a wrecker will be called from the appropriate wrecker rotation list. The investigating officer will use his/her discretionary authority to deny request for specific wrecker service whenever the request will delay the timely restoration of safe traffic movement. Wrecker operators will be placed on the list for service calls, wrecked and disabled vehicles. In addition, they will be placed on a secondary list for stolen or abandoned vehicles. Wrecker operators will be called in succession from the top of each list. Following each call, an operator will be rotated to the bottom of the list except as provided herein.

E. The wrecker company must have a wrecker of sufficient size and strength to handle the job. The Department of Public Safety will have the right not to call a wrecker company that, in its opinion, fails to meet this qualification for a specific job. Under these conditions, the wrecker service not called will remain on the top of the rotation list.

F. A wrecker company may respond with a wrecker of a higher class than requested. However, the wrecker company is limited to the rates of the requested classification.

G. A wrecker company may not assign, transfer, pledge, surrender, encumber, or dispose his place on the Wrecker Rotation List. The wrecker company agrees to respond to *all* calls requested by the Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If for any reason an operator cannot respond, he will be rotated to the bottom of the list. Operators who refuse to respond or develop a pattern of not responding to calls shall be subject to suspension or removal from the Post rotation lists.

H. In the event the call is an "owner's" request, if the Department cancels the call or a response is made without rendering service, the wrecker company will not be rotated but will maintain their position on the list.

I. A wrecker company will be listed on each Wrecker Rotation List only once. This listing will use the name of the wrecker towing company submitted during the application process and which they were qualified under. It is prohibited for a wrecker operator conducting business at one location to receive multiple listings or classifications by utilizing a different or fictitious name for trucks operating from the same location or by utilizing trucks with the same name out of different locations within the same zone. Wrecker companies or corporations operating more than one rotation wrecker business within the same county or zone, or in *more* than one county or zone, must maintain completely separate offices, required paper work, logs and assigned rotation wreckers at the approved location. Each business must have at least one wrecker available for calls for each county or zone it is approved for.

**\*\*\*ATTEMPTS TO CIRCUMVENT THE INTENT OF THE ROTATION SYSTEM WILL RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF ALL WRECKER COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS RELATED TO THE OFFENDING WRECKER OPERATOR FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS.**

J. When emergency conditions necessitate, the Department reserves the right to request the services of the wrecker company or operator who is best able to handle the emergency and can reach the scene in the shortest time, regardless of the operator's position on the rotation list. If a call is made under

these circumstances, this call will count as that wrecker's next rotation call.

**K.** Whenever heavy equipment or large vehicles are involved in an accident, and it is determined that the wrecker next up on the rotation list does not have adequate equipment to handle the accident, then the Department reserves the right to call a large wrecker from an operator on the list that can handle the situation. If a call is made under these circumstances, the operator will be repositioned on the rotation list accordingly. Calls for large wreckers will be rotated among the companies having qualified large wreckers. Having only one large rotation wrecker is not justification for being called to all truck accidents. Example: an overturned truck usually requires more than one wrecker or specialized recovery equipment. The trooper post would call the rotation company capable of solely handling the truck recovery.

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## **VI. OPERATION**

**A.** Wrecker companies will provide to the department a list of all wrecker operator personnel, including their full name, current address, date of birth, driver license number, and social security number. Each wrecker operator shall be investigated regarding any criminal history. Any criminal history of an operator which affects the company's qualification for the job shall be grounds for rejection of the wrecker company.

It will be the responsibility of the wrecker company to provide the Department with a criminal and driver history on each wrecker operator in their employ. This will be done using the *DPS ABI Form #46 and "Request for Motor Vehicle Record"*. These forms will be completed and mailed as instructed including all necessary fees. Once these histories are returned they will be forwarded to the Post Commander. Any recommendation for rejection of the applicant by the Post Commander, based on criminal history or driving record, will be forwarded to the Troop Commander for resolution.

Post Commanders will conduct an annual review of the records of the wrecker companies and operators on the Wrecker Rotation List to determine if any convictions of crimes which would impact on the individual's qualifications to remain on the Wrecker Rotation List have occurred since their initial inclusion. In addition to the annual review, Post Commanders will conduct random inspections of as many current owner/operator records as

manpower and time restrictions will permit.

Before any newly hired employee of the wrecker company is allowed to drive a wrecker for any rotation call, the wrecker company who is currently on a Wrecker Rotation List will furnish the Post Commander with a criminal and driver's history of the new employee. The Post Commander will notify the wrecker company owner if the new hire is approved upon receipt of said histories.

Any appeals relating to this section shall be made in accordance with *X. PENALTIES, Section A. (1)*, on page 22.

**B.** Each company must have the proper business licenses issued by all applicable governing bodies and provide the Department with copies.

**C.** No wrecker company owner or operator shall be on the rotation list who maintains a reputation in the community of associating with convicted felons; who tolerates or condones gambling, the drinking of alcoholic beverages, or the use of illicit drugs in or about the business premises; or who allows any other activity that imparts a poor reputation upon the business.

**F.** No wrecker company employee shall be on the rotation list unless the wrecker company employee is proficient and competent in the operation of the wreckers used. It will be the responsibility of the business owner to ensure that all drivers and wrecker company operators are trained in the safe operation of vehicles and equipment used. Wrecker company operators will be removed from state rotation that demonstrate a lack of proficiency or respond with inadequate equipment.

**G.** Each wrecker company will furnish the Highway Patrol Post Commander with one telephone number to be used for requests for service during the day and one telephone number for services during the night or on weekends. Immediate notification shall be made to the Highway Patrol Post Commander if there is any change in the aforementioned telephone numbers. Call forwarding which provides immediate contact with the owner/operator is permitted. ANSWERING SERVICES, PAGER SYSTEMS OR ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE POST COMMANDER.

**H.** No operator shall proceed to the scene of an accident without being requested to do so by a law enforcement officer or agent of the Alabama Department of Public Safety; or when requested by a member of his own wrecker company to assist as outlined in these regulations. (This is not to be

construed as sub-contracting).

**I.** No wrecker company operator shall solicit business at the scene of an accident. Solicitation shall include referral for repair/replacement of an auto or referral for any legal service.

**J.** No wrecker company operator will accept requests for service unless that operator has a vehicle immediately available to perform the requested service.

**K.** No wrecker company operator shall speed, or violate any other traffic laws, or disregard any traffic control devices while answering a call; nor upon arrival, needlessly congest the scene of a wreck.

**L.** Wreckers dispatched must arrive at the scene within 30 minutes. If the time to reach the scene exceeds the above limits, and the wrecker company does not notify the State Trooper dispatcher of a valid reason for a delay within said time, a second rotation wrecker may be requested. If the second wrecker is requested before the arrival of the first rotation wrecker, the initially requested wrecker will forfeit the call and will immediately leave the collision/incident scene.

**\*\*\*Repeated tardiness will result in suspension or removal from the Post rotation list.**

**M.** The investigating officer at the scene of a collision has the right to designate which vehicle will be towed by a certain wrecker. The wrecker operator first on the scene may have first choice of vehicles unless otherwise directed by the officer.

**N.** At no time shall any tow truck exceed its manufacturer's GVWR or the manufacturer's rated capacity for the towing assembly, nor be attached to a vehicle which by its size and/or weight would make towing said vehicle an unsafe movement.

**O.** It shall be the responsibility of the wrecker company to perform a general clean-up of the accident area before leaving the scene of any accident. This responsibility requires the wrecker company to remove all debris such as broken glass, liquids, and materials from an accident area by sweeping up such debris and removing this material from the scene.

**P.** Each wrecker company shall be responsible for securing personal property in a vehicle at an accident scene. The wrecker company shall be responsible for preserving personal property in a vehicle towed from an accident scene.

**Q.** Any trooper acting in his official capacity may direct the wrecker company operator to take the vehicle being towed to the nearest Department of Public Safety facility or designated facility for examination in furtherance of an official investigation. This may include multiple vehicles towed by different companies to be stored at one wrecker facility. In this case the towed vehicles will be taken to and stored at the facility of the first operator to arrive at the scene unless otherwise directed by the investigating officer.

**R.** All towing and recovery services who tow and store vehicles which have been abandoned upon a highway, will abide by the requirements as stated in §32-13-1 thru 8, *Code of Alabama*, 1975 and all applicable Revenue Codes. Vehicles towed and stored under these circumstances will be disposed of within 180 days of initial storage. Towing and recovery services will notify a Trooper Post immediately of the sale of any abandoned vehicles.

**S.** SUBCONTRACTING IS PROHIBITED: Rotation wreckers may not subcontract wrecker calls. This includes on scene operations. In the event the on scene rotation wrecker is unable to handle the towing operation, the trooper will cancel that wrecker and a rotation wrecker capable of handling the operation will be called.

**T.** All towing and recovery services will provide the Department with its Business Tax ID Number (FEIN) and US DOT Numbers.

Non-compliance with the rules and regulations set forth herein will result in disciplinary action as described in Section X. *PENALTIES*.

## **VII. STORAGE PROCEDURES**

- A.** All wrecker company and operators shall employ reasonable safeguards and procedures so that all personal belongings and contents in the vehicle are intact and returned to the vehicle's owner or agent upon release of the vehicle.
- B.** All personal property left in a vehicle and unclaimed will be handled in accordance with existing applicable laws.
- C.** All operators of wrecker services on the Rotation List shall reasonably permit, during normal business hours and without charge, the owner or owner's designated representative of any vehicle stored upon or within the companies facilities, to inspect the same, remove items of personal belongings and the license plate there from. In addition, the wrecker

company shall also reasonably permit and allow, during normal business hours and without charge, insurance agents, adjusters to enter, inspect and photograph any such vehicles.

- D.** In the event that a stored vehicle has been placed on “hold”, as defined on page 3 of this manual, no access to the vehicle will be allowed without express permission from a member of the Department. This restriction shall not apply to access by a member of the Department engaged in official duties. Department members will be allowed to access vehicles at anytime, and said access will be without charge to either the Department or the vehicle owner. Said vehicle shall not be moved, released or disposed of in any manner until notified by a Department member.

Non-compliance with the rules and regulations set forth herein will result in disciplinary action as described in Section **X. PENALTIES**.

## **VIII. RATES AND CHARGES**

- A.** Only wrecker companies on the Alabama Department of Public Safety wrecker rotation list shall be subject to these regulations governing fees.

**B.** Motorist utilizing the Alabama Department of Public Safety Wrecker Rotation List will have the option of paying by major credit card. The wrecker company may request, prior to dispatching, if the motorist intends to pay by major credit card. If the wrecker company does not accept major credit cards, the next wrecker or towing service that does accept credit cards will be utilized. Any wrecker or towing service called that does not accept credit cards will remain on the top of the rotation list.

**C.** Fees charged for rotation list calls shall be reasonable and not in excess of those rates charged for similar services provided in response to requests initiated by any other public agency or private person. The reasonableness of the fees charged will be determined in the following manner:

1. A wrecker company shall submit proposed fees annually to the Post Commander. Separate fee schedules shall be submitted for each class of wrecker, and, for each class, the fee for standard towing, heavy-duty towing, storage, and special operations.

- (a) A standard tow is defined as responding to the scene, hooking up the vehicle, performing a general clean up if the call involves responding to a collision scene and providing responsible assistance to the owner to get to a safe location.

(b) Special operations are operations involving the process of up-righting an overturned vehicle or returning a vehicle to a normal position on the roadway which requires the use of auxiliary equipment due to the size or location of the vehicle and/or the recovery of a load which has spilled, or the off-loading and reloading of a load from an overturned vehicle performed to right the vehicle.

(c) Any vehicle placed on "hold" as defined on page 3 of this manual shall not incur storage charges for the first 72 hours after being placed in storage. After this time the daily storage rate submitted by the wrecker service shall apply.

2. The Post Commander will determine the reasonableness of the fees based upon the average of the proposed fees submitted and a comparison of that Highway Patrol Post's industry standards, by wrecker zone, for similar operations.

3. A copy of the approved fees will be kept in the wrecker at all times. It will be presented upon request to the person for whom the tow services were provided, their agent, any Department of Public Safety officer at the scene, or any Department of Public Safety supervisor who is inspecting the wrecker or wrecker service.

4. A wrecker company shall submit proposed fees in writing to the Post Commander by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Post Commander will complete a review of the fees for rotation wrecker services for the post to determine its validity and reasonableness. The company will be notified of its approved fees no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> to be effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Validity will be based upon telephone quotes, posted rates, charges to retail customers, etc. Reasonableness will be determined as compared to other rates.

5. Failure to submit proposed fees annually will result in utilizing the last proposed fees submitted.

6. Wrecker companies that submit fees that are determined to be excessive or unreasonable will be notified and allowed to resubmit fees within five business days of notification. A wrecker company will be allowed to resubmit fees once. Failure to resubmit reasonable fees will disqualify the wrecker service from the Department's rotation list until January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

7. Wrecker companies may lower rates at any time and may raise rates for non-Department of Public Safety calls at any time.

**C.** Any wrecker/towing service is subject to suspension and/or removal from the Wrecker Rotation List pursuant to the procedures set forth in *Section XI, PENALTIES*, if it is determined by the Post Commander that a wrecker/towing service has violated these rules on a call derived from the Wrecker Rotation List.

Non-compliance with the rules and regulations set forth herein will result in disciplinary action as described in *Section X. PENALTIES*.

## **IX. RECORDS**

**A.** Each operator shall maintain a record system covering all services performed in pulling or towing all vehicles in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety rotation system, and such records shall include the following:

- (1) The date and time the operator was contacted and requested to perform his service.
- (2) The name of the person requesting the service.
- (3) The location of the vehicle.
- (4) A description of the towed vehicle, including license plate and identification number.
- (5) The owner or driver of the vehicle, if known.
- (6) The service charge and fees.

**B.** All records required herein must be available for inspection by officers or agents of the Department of Public Safety. Such inspection shall be conducted during normal business hours at the wrecker service or storage facility.

**C..** The operator shall maintain the aforementioned records for the current calendar year, and the calendar year immediately prior to the current calendar year.

D. A record of all abandoned motor vehicles is to be maintained by the wrecker company and any abandoned motor vehicle sold or disposed of shall be done in accordance with § 32 *Chapter 13, Code of Alabama 1975*.

Non-compliance with the rules and regulations set forth herein will result in disciplinary action as described in Section X. **PENALTIES**.

## X. PENALTIES

A. Any violation of these regulations shall cause the removal of the owner/operator from the Alabama Department of Public Safety Wrecker Rotation List. Attempts to circumvent the intent of the rotation system and its policies will result in the removal of all wrecker companies and corporations related to the offending wrecker operator. Temporary suspensions shall be at the discretion of the Post Commander and shall not be less than 60 days nor more than 6 months. Repeat or serious violations or violations of *Section VIII., RATES*, will result in the suspension from the rotation system for a period not less than one year and possible indefinite removal. The offending wrecker company may reapply at the end of the suspension period.

(1) An wrecker company may, upon receipt of a notification of suspension or removal from the Wrecker Rotation List, submit a written request to the local Troop Commander who will review the facts and schedule a hearing. Such written request must be received by the Department within ten (10) calendar days after the operator receives notification. This will stay the suspension/ removal from the Wrecker Rotation List pending final disposition, provided that allowing the owner/operator to remain on the list would not endanger public safety. If desired, the wrecker company's legal counsel may be present at the hearing but will not take an active role in the proceedings. If counsel is present, the Department's legal counsel may participate to aid and assist the Troop Commander.

(2) Any applicant who does not qualify to receive an Authorization Permit may submit a written request to the Troop Commander for a hearing regarding the denial. Such request must be made within ten (10) calendar days after the applicant receives notice of not qualifying.

(3) The Department shall reinstate to the rotation list any suspended owner/operator upon written application, after the period of suspension has elapsed, and after the Department has determined such operator is in compliance with all regulations pertaining to the Alabama Department of Public Safety Rotation Wrecker System.

(4) Any applicant that feels that their appeal has not been addressed appropriately, may appeal to the Highway Patrol Division Chief within ten (10) calendar days after the hearing with the Troop Commander.

**B.** If any violation of these regulations is deemed to be of such an emergency nature as to endanger public safety, the Department shall immediately suspend the Authorization Permit of the operator committing such violation.

**C.** No application for reinstatement to the rotation list will be considered if the removal was the result of a violation of *Rule III Section A. (8)*, which prohibits the transfer of an authorization permit or the relocation of a wrecker business. Such wrecker business must reapply and be reinvestigated prior to being placed on the Wrecker Rotation List.

**D.** Wrecker companies will be suspended immediately for violation of Section V concerning insurance. Wrecker companies so suspended will remain suspended until a Certificate of Insurance is filed.

# Alabama State Trooper Wrecker Rotation List

## Authorization Permit

The Wrecker/Towing Service Listed Below Is Hereby Authorized To Receive  
Rotation Calls From The Alabama State Troopers in \_\_\_\_\_ Post,  
in the following Alabama Counties and Zones/Areas: \_\_\_\_\_

This Permit Shall Remain in Effect Until Notification From The Alabama  
Department Of Public Safety That The Same Has Been Cancelled Or Suspended.

Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

This Wrecker/Towing Service complies with All rules and regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Troop Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

DISTRIBUTION:  
ORIGINAL - POST COMMANDER  
COPY - WRECKER TOWING SERVICE  
COPY - CHIEF, HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION

# Alabama State Trooper Wrecker Rotation List Agreement & Waiver Form

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

It is understood that in filing this application, I will abide by all applicable Alabama statutes as well as the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Public Safety pertaining to the Wrecker Rotation List. It is understood that in filing this application, I will abide by all the requirements as stated in the Department of Public Safety's Wrecker Rotation Rules and Regulations and will notify the appropriate State Trooper Post of any alterations that may affect any of the information contained in these forms.

It is specifically and expressly agreed that any claims which the owner/operator of the wrecker service shall have against the Alabama Department of Public Safety, any Alabama state trooper and/or any authorized agent or representative of the Alabama Department of Public Safety, that arise in the line and scope of said state employee's employment, shall be filed with the State of Alabama Board of Adjustment. The owner/operator of the wrecker service expressly waives any right he may have to file suit against the Alabama Department of Public Safety, any Alabama state trooper and/or any authorized agent or representative of the Alabama Department of Public Safety when such claim originates or was precipitated by the acts or omissions alleged to have been committed in the line and scope of the state employee's employment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Alabama State Trooper Wrecker Rotation List

## Application For Placement on Rotation List

### Business Information

County of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box                      City                      State                      Zip                      County

Primary Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Night Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street / P.O. Box                      City                      State                      Zip

Does owner have a copy of Rules and Regulations ? \_\_\_\_\_  
(yes)                      (no)

Business Tax ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

US DOT Number \_\_\_\_\_

Business Hours \_\_\_\_\_

### Storage Facilities

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street                      City                      State                      Zip                      County

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Outdoor Storage Size \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. X \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* If more than one storage facility, please provide address, size & capacity in section below. \*\*

Describe Any Variation From Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

( OVER )

## Towing Fees

### Passenger Vehicle:

Base Rate/Day \_\_\_\_\_

Base Rate/Night,Weekends,Holidays

Rate Per Mile \_\_\_\_\_ Dolly \_\_\_\_\_

Rate Per Hour \_\_\_\_\_Winching \_\_\_\_\_

Rate Per Man Hour \_\_\_\_\_ Roll-Over \_\_\_\_\_

### Large Truck:

Base Rate/Day \_\_\_\_\_

Base Rate/Night,Weekends,Holidays

Rate Per Mile \_\_\_\_\_Winching \_\_\_\_\_

Rate Per Hour \_\_\_\_\_ Roll-Over \_\_\_\_\_

Rate Per Man Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Charges (Explain In Detail) \_\_\_\_\_

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Storage Fees \_\_\_\_\_

Motor Club Cards Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

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# Alabama State Trooper Wrecker Rotation List Driver Information Sheet

HP Wrecker Form #4  
Rev 09/2007

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

2. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

3. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

4. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

5. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

6. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

7. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

8. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

9. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

10. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

11. Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Card Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

HP Wrecker Form #5  
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# Alabama State Trooper Wrecker Rotation List Wrecker Information Sheet

Instructions: Print or type the requested information on ALL towing and recovery vehicles that you intend to use when responding to calls on the State Trooper Rotation List.

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Expiration Year \_\_\_\_\_

VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Axles \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Towing Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Class: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

(See Rotation Wrecker Rules and Regulation Manual for vehicle class explanations)

Vehicle Type: Conventional ☐ Rollback ☐

2. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Expiration Year \_\_\_\_\_

VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Axles \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Towing Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Class: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

(See Rotation Wrecker Rules and Regulation Manual for vehicle class explanations)

Vehicle Type: Conventional ☐ Rollback ☐

3. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Expiration Year \_\_\_\_\_

VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Axles \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Towing Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Class: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

(See Rotation Wrecker Rules and Regulation Manual for vehicle class explanations)

Vehicle Type: Conventional ☐ Rollback ☐

4. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Expiration Year \_\_\_\_\_

VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Axles \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Towing Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Class: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

(See Rotation Wrecker Rules and Regulation Manual for vehicle class explanations)

Vehicle Type: Conventional ☐ Rollback ☐

5. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Expiration Year \_\_\_\_\_

VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Axles \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Towing Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Class: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

(See Rotation Wrecker Rules and Regulation Manual for vehicle class explanations)

Vehicle Type: Conventional ☐ Rollback ☐

6. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Expiration Year \_\_\_\_\_

VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Axles \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Towing Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Class: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

(See Rotation Wrecker Rules and Regulation Manual for vehicle class explanations)

Vehicle Type: Conventional ☐ Rollback ☐

Alabama State Trooper  
Wrecker Rotation List  
Wrecker Inspection Checklist

HP Wrecker Form #5A  
Rev. 09/2007

Company Name

Inspected By					Inspected By				
Date		Badge #		Date		Badge #			
Year	Make	Model	Class	Type	Year	Make	Model	Class	Type
Tag #		# Of Axles		Tag #		# Of Axles			
VIN #				VIN #					
GVWR		GCWR		GVWR		GCWR			
Types Of Lift & Capacities					Types Of Lift & Capacities				
Company Unit # (If Applicable)					Company Unit # (If Applicable)				
YES	NO	N/A	EQUIPMENT ALL WRECKERS		YES	NO	N/A	EQUIPMENT ALL WRECKERS	
			Winch, Boom of required capacity per class					Winch, Boom of required capacity per class	
			Sling and/or stay bar					Sling and/or stay bar	
			Wheel lift & tow bars of required capacity per class					Wheel lift & tow bars of required capacity per class	
			Safety chains					Safety chains	
			Fire extinguisher(s) of required capacity					Fire extinguisher(s) of required capacity	
			Prybar or wrecker bar (min 30-inch in length)					Prybar or wrecker bar (min 30-inch in length)	
			Push-type broom					Push-type broom	
			Axe					Axe	
			Shovel					Shovel	
			Bolt cutters (minimum 1/2-inch opening)					Bolt cutters (minimum 1/2-inch opening)	
			Flares and/or triangles					Flares and/or triangles	
			Amber rotating beacon / Amber light bar					Amber rotating beacon / Amber light bar	
			Emergency flashers (2 amber front, 2 red rear)					Emergency flashers (2 amber front, 2 red rear)	
			One dolly					One dolly	
			Name (4") / Address (2") / Phone # (2") on vehicle sides					Name (4") / Address (2") / Phone # (2") on vehicle sides	
			100-foot steel cable (3/8-inch)					100-foot steel cable (3/8-inch)	
			Dual rear floodlights (20,000 candlepower)					Dual rear floodlights (20,000 candlepower)	
			Rear lighting system (tow lights)					Rear lighting system (tow lights)	
			40 Pounds of sand and/or oil dry					40 Pounds of sand and/or oil dry	
			Current registration in vehicle / Current license plate					Current registration in vehicle / Current license plate	
			Insurance card in vehicle					Insurance card in vehicle	
			Motor Carrier Inspection Current (GVWR > 10,000 lbs)					Motor Carrier Inspection Current (GVWR > 10,000 lbs)	
YES	NO	N/A	EQUIPMENT FLATBED OR ROLLBACK		YES	NO	N/A	EQUIPMENT FLATBED OR ROLLBACK	
			Min 16-ft bed, dual wheel, 1 winch, 8,000-lb capacity					Min 16-ft bed, dual wheel, 1 winch, 8,000-lb capacity	
			Minimum 50-foot steel cable (3/8-inch)					Minimum 50-foot steel cable (3/8-inch)	
			Brake lock device					Brake lock device	
			Minimum of 2 tie-down chains, 10 feet in length					Minimum of 2 tie-down chains, 10 feet in length	
YES	NO	N/A	EQUIPMENT LARGE WRECKERS		YES	NO	N/A	EQUIPMENT LARGE WRECKERS	
			Air control valve operable					Air control valve operable	
			Two chock blocks or required size					Two chock blocks or required size	
			200-foot steel cable (5/8-inch) + 50' drop cable (5/8-inch)					200-foot steel cable (5/8-inch) + 50' drop cable (5/8-inch)	
			Automotive lock air brakes					Automotive lock air brakes	
			Fire extinguishers of required size (2)					Fire extinguishers of required size (2)	
			External air hookups and hoses					External air hookups and hoses	
			Safety cones (6) or Safety Triangles (6)					Safety cones (6) or Safety Triangles (6)	
Comments					Comments				
Inspector's Recommendation					Inspector's Recommendation				
Recommend placement / keep on rotation?		YES		NO	Recommend placement / keep on rotation?		YES		NO

Alabama State Trooper  
Wrecker Rotation List  
Facility, Records, & General Checklist

HP Wrecker Form #5B  
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Company Name
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YES	NO	FACILITIES
		Is space available to accommodate a minimum of 10 vehicles enclosed by minimum 6 foot chain link fence?
		Are disabled vehicles and contents protected against damage or theft.
		Business Name, Telephone Number, Business Hours posted on exterior of business.
		Able to protect at least 2 vehicles from the elements (Either in a building or by tarps).
YES	NO	RECORDS
		Is record system maintained pursuant to Section III of wrecker manual?
		Do records cover all vehicles in conjunction with the rotation system?
		Are records available for inspection?
		Are records maintained for two years?
		Are abandoned vehicles handled in accordance with Chapter 13, Title 32, Code of Alabama?
YES	NO	GENERAL
		Proper business license posted?
		Does owner have a copy of DPS Towing and Recovery Services Rules and Regulations? (Revised 09/2007)
		Are certificates of insurance on file with the Department of Public Safety?

# Alabama State Trooper Wrecker Rotation List

## Certificate Of Insurance & Casualty Coverage

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Of Insurance Agent (Printed) Name Of Surety Of Insurance Company

has issued an insurance policy to \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Of Wrecker or Towing Service

with Policy Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

effective from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ providing the insurance  
Effective Date Expiration Date or Cancellation Date

coverage required in the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Safety for Towing and Recovery Services. The coverage required is listed below.

I further certify that the aforementioned policy will not be canceled until thirty (30) days after the Alabama Department of Public Safety has received written notice of the intent to cancel such policy.

### INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED:

- (1) Workers compensation insurance as required by current statute.
- (2) Automobile liability insurance in an amount of not less than:
  - a. \$300,000 for a Class A Wrecker
  - b. \$500,000 for a Class B Wrecker
  - c. \$750,000 for a Class C Wrecker
- (3) "On-Hook"/Cargo coverage during transit in an amount not less than:
  - a. \$75,000 for a Class A Wrecker
  - b. \$150,000 for a Class B Wrecker
  - c. \$250,000 for a Class C Wrecker
- (4) Garage liability insurance in an amount not less than \$750,000 Combined Single Limit (CSL), including Garage Keepers Legal Liability covering perils of fire and explosion, theft of an entire vehicle, riot and civil commotion, vandalism and malicious mischief to customer's vehicles in an amount not less than \$100,000.
- (5) A maximum deductible of \$1,000 per occurrence.

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE SHOWING THE COVERAGE LISTED ABOVE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Insurance Agent

Distribution:  
Original - Department of Public Safety  
Copy - Wrecker Company  
Copy - Insurance Company